

REMARKS

Claims 1-2, 4-5, 7-12, 14-16, 18, 23-24, 27-28, and 35-38 are pending in the application. Claims 3, 6, 13, 17, 19-22, and 25 were previously cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 26 and 29-34 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 1, 11, 14, 18 and 23 have been amended. No new matter has been added. Applicants thank Examiner Yuen for the interview conducted on October 21, 2009 and for indicating during the interview that the Examiner will submit an Examiner's Amendment to place claims 1-2, 4-5, 7-12, 14-16, 18, 23-24, 27-31, and 35-38 in condition for allowance. Applicants respectfully request Examiner Yuen to issue a Notice of Allowance.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of each of the objections and rejections, as well as an indication of the allowability of each of the pending claims.

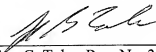
Any changes to the claims in this response, which have not been specifically noted to overcome a rejection based upon the cited art, should be considered to have been made for a purpose unrelated to patentability, and no estoppel should be deemed to attach thereto.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below if such a call would in any way facilitate allowance of this application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees, which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number 50-2469.

Respectfully submitted,

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